

## ABSTRACT

A method of identifying workstations that performed work on a workpiece  
5 in a work line having a plurality of zones, wherein each zone includes  
workstations that perform the same type of operation. In accordance with the  
method, the workpiece is moved to and from workstations by a plurality of  
autoloaders. After the workpiece is worked on in a particular workstation, an  
autoloader moves the workpiece to a drop-off station where the workpiece is  
10 marked with a mark indicating that the workstation worked on the workpiece.  
When the workpiece is finished, the workpiece has a plurality of marks disposed  
in different locations of the workpiece. For each of the marks, the location of the  
mark in combination with the nature of the mark comprises a code that identifies  
a particular one of the workstations that worked on the workpiece.

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